

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the Abstract and replace the Abstract with the following paragraph:

Q A data storage card includes a glass substrate having first and second edges. A data storage surface region is located on the glass substrate between the first and second edges. The data surface region includes a magnetic storage medium having at least one layer of high density, high coercivity magnetic material for storing magnetic signals. The data storage card may include a relatively hard, abradable protective coating formed on the magnetic material layer. The protective coating has a thickness between a maximum thickness which would materially attenuate magnetic signals passing between the magnetic material layer and a transducer of a read device, and a minimum thickness enabling said protective coating to be abraded by usage in an ambient natural atmosphere operating environment for removing therefrom a known quantity of the protective coating.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, at line 4, under the header "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS," to read as follows:

Q This Application is a Continuation-in-Part of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/113,783 filed July 10, 1998, now U.S. Patent 6,131,816, issued on October 17, 2000. ~~now pending, which is a continuation of United States Patent Application No. 09/105,696 filed June 26, 1998, now abandoned, which is a Continuation in Part of United States Patent Application No. 07/871,447, filed April 21, 1992, now abandoned, which, in turn, is a Continuation in Part of United States Patent Application Serial No. 07/342,217 filed April 24, 1989~~

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which issued as United States Patent No. 5,107,099 on April 21,
1992.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at 19, line 1, as follows:

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Fig. 7A is a simplified view illustrating the engagement of the bottom of a movable side registration member with a stud extending ~~from~~ from the base when a card carriage, on which the card support is mounted, is at the load/unload position, the load/unload position being indicated by the card in ~~elashed~~ dashed lines in Fig. 1;

[Please amend the paragraph beginning at 19, line 7, as follows:]

Fig. 7B illustrates the release of the movable side registration member as the carriage ~~beings~~ begins to move away from the load/unload position towards the solid line position of Fig. 1, thus capturing the third and fourth edges of the card between the movable and stationary side registration members;

Please amend the paragraph beginning at 41, line 15, as follows:

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A substrate 472, which is used as the portable card, has a chromium underlayer 476 deposited on at least one surface of the substrate 472. A high density magnetic material layer ~~280~~ 480 is deposited on the underlayer 476 wherein the high density magnetic material layer 480 has its axis of magnetization extending in a substantially horizontal direction relative to at least one surface of the substrate 472. A layer of non-magnetic material ~~282~~ 482 defining an exchange break layer is deposited on the magnetic layer 480. A protective coating 488, which is in the form of a single layer, includes a magnetically permeable,

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low coercivity magnetic material which is separated from the high density magnetic material layer 480 by the exchange break layer 482 which enables a magnetic image field to be stored in the magnetically permeable, low coercivity magnetic material forming the protective coating 488.
